

AGENDA
CITY OF BROOKINGS
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Council Chamber - 898 Elk Drive
April 24th, 2008 - 7:00 pm


- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. ROLL CALL**
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Minutes of March 27, 2008
- V. PUBLIC APPEARANCES**
 - A. Chris Hart – Basketball Courts at Azalea Park
- VI. REGULAR AGENDA**
 - A. Azalea Park Planning/Operations
- VII. INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A. Easy Manor Park Update (Commissioner Brown)
 - B. Stout Mountain Railway (Chair Parrish)
- VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS**
- IX. ADJOURNMENT** (Next meeting May 22nd, 7 pm)

CITY OF BROOKINGS
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: April 24, 2008

Originating Dept: City Manager



Signature (submitted by)


City Manager Approval

Subject: Azalea Park Planning/Operations

Recommended Motion:

1. Appoint a subcommittee to work with the City Staff and the Azalea Park Foundation to develop a long-term plan for the maintenance of the heritage Azalea area.
2. Appoint a subcommittee to work with the City Staff and the Capella developer to develop a transition plan for ownership of the building and a long-term maintenance/operation plan.
3. Recommend that City Staff include proposed funding in the 2008-09 budget for the following maintenance needs:
 - a. Repair vandalism to the memorial bench.
 - b. Make structural repairs to the gazebo.
 - c. Post more signs with park rules.
 - d. Improve litter control in the gazebo area.

Financial Impact: To be determined.

Background/Discussion: In his presentation to the Commission on January 24th, the City Manager recommended the above actions.

Subcommittees should be comprised of not more than three commission members. The funding recommendation would be forwarded to the Public Works Director for incorporation into the proposed parks maintenance budget.

Policy Considerations:

Attachment(s):

April 9, 2008

Parks and Recreation Proposal

To whom it may concern;

I am proposing the construction and idea for two new full court basketball courts in/behind Azalea Park, aka Kid-Town. I feel that the city has plenty of room at Kid-Town where the volleyball courts are currently at that have no nets and are un-used. It wouldn't take much work to get the courts there, as the space needed is already available. In this town we only have one court which is in poor condition and isn't utilized to its potential. Most of the time you have kids up there playing on the courts, so there is not enough space to run a full court game, only one game can go on at a time. On top of that, if you did get a game together the court's condition is almost unusable; because there is gravel usually on the court and makes it hard to play on.

It's a dishonor to this community when we have schools that have 5 gyms and they do not allow anyone to use their facility to play basketball; unless you have the time to go through the paper work and means to afford the rent for the courts. This is why we need **NICE** outdoor courts that this town can use and be proud of.

I have put forth my own time and money before to rent the schools gyms to help 3rd and 4th grade girls get ready for their youth league and it cost me \$250 and a deposit of \$100 for 6 days' of use with only one hour of play at a time. So, for 6 hours of playing time for girls in our community, it cost \$350 dollars, which is outrageous when the gyms are un-used and can be used for so much more. Most parents and others cannot afford what it cost to help better the youth at basketball.

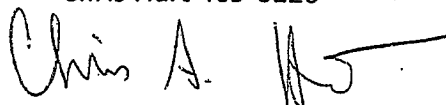
This is the only town I have heard of that won't allow the youth to play in their gyms other than school hours. During the summer months all of the gym floors get redone so that makes it even harder if you did have the money and have the authorization to use them. The new courts would benefit the whole town allowing more kids to practice and to play the game. It is biased when the only kids that can use the gyms are the ones who parents are school coaches who have a key to gym or know that particular someone who does. This is why I stress the importance of having more, **NICE** outside courts. This city could help produce more and better basketball players. I would be willing to donate my time, work, and what extra money I have to help make this dream a reality.

I think having two more, **NEW, NICE** full basketball playing courts would be a huge benefit for this town and their youth. I know especially during the summer months, the new courts would get plenty of use and would greatly benefit the local basketball players. Even more to the benefit the community, we could hold spring and summer Recreation Tourments in Brookings. This is just one of many outcomes we can see with the use of these new basketball courts. I have talked to countless parents and basketball players, young and old alike that agree with these feelings. I know you would see a great deal of support and donations from parents and businesses to make this happen by this summer or next. I would love to see the children of this community be known for their basketball skills.

If you have any question or concerns of why this can or can't be a possibility, please don't hesitate to call me and explain to me the problems and/or process of how we can get this done. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Chris Hart 469-0120

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris A. Hart", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
March 27, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Benoit called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Patricia Brown, Frances Hartmann, Tony Parrish, Don Vilelle, and Chair Michelle Benoit. *Absent:* Commissioner Ken Barkema.

Others present: City Councilor Jan Willms; media

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Motion made by Commissioner Brown to approve the minutes of February 28, 2008 as written; motion seconded and Commission voted, the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

REGULAR AGENDA

No items

INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. *Easy Manor Park Update* -- Commissioner Brown: The grant application for funding of the Easy Manor Park renovation has been completed and will be mailed to the Parks and Recreation Department of the State of Oregon. Notification of funding is anticipated mid-to-late summer of 2008. Commissioner Brown expressed thanks to Chair Benoit for leading this project forward and to the staff and volunteer subcommittee who contributed to the effort—a special thanks to Public Works Director John Cowen for his work on this project.
- B. *Stout Mountain Railway* – Chair Parrish: There is a bit of foundation work to be accomplished and then laying of the tracks will proceed.
- C. Councilor Willms reminded the group that the city-wide Litter-Be-Gone collection is scheduled for April 19 at 9:00am, City Hall. All Commissioners are encouraged to enlist friends and contribute to this semi-annual cleanup campaign. Commissioner Parrish suggested that CTR be asked to place a dumpster at the north end of the Chetco River Bridge to enable transport of the heavy “treasures” collected under the bridge. Jan will look into this possibility.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm. Next meeting scheduled for April 24th.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Benoit, Chair

(approved at April 24, 2008 meeting)